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BY-LAWS

OF THE

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT,

ADOPTED 1852,

AND THE FIRST

BOARD OF OFFICERS.

LYNN:
W. W. KELLOGG, PRINTER, OVER THE DEPOT,
TYPOGRAPHIC HALL.
1853.

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OF THE

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT.

ARTICLE I.

Annual Town Meeting.

Section 1. The annual town meeting shall be holden on the second Saturday of March, of each and every year, until otherwise ordered.

ARTICLE II.

Order of Proceedings at Town Meetings.

Sect. 1. When the town meeting is called to order, all persons present shall obey the call, and sit down.

Sect. 2. When the meeting has been duly organized, the presiding officer may call on any clergyman present to open the meeting with prayer.

Sect. 3. The town clerk shall then read the warrant, and the moderator shall submit the articles therein contained to the action of the town.

Sect. 4. The proceedings of the meetings shall be governed by those rules of order which prevail in deliberative assemblies.

Sect. 5. Every question of order shall be decided by the moderator; but an appeal from his decision may be made to the meeting, and such appeal shall be decided without debate.

Sect. 6. No person shall remain standing except when he addresses the chair, uncovered.

Sect. 7. When called to order by the moderator, the person speaking shall sit down and remain seated until the point of order is decided.

Sect. 8. No one shall speak twice on any one subject; nor shall any person speak more than twenty minutes at one time, except by permission of the meeting.

ARTICLE III.

Financial.

Sect. 1. The financial year shall begin with the first day of March, and end with the last day of February, in each and every year.

Sect. 2. No money, except state and county taxes, shall be paid from the town treasury without an order therefor signed by the major part of the selectmen.

Sect. 3. All taxes shall be assessed and committed to the collector on or before the first day of July in each year, except valuation year, and in that year as early as may be.

Sect. 4. The collector shall deliver all tax bills within fourteen days after such commitment.

Sect. 5. Upon all tax bills not paid on or before the first day of October in each year, there shall be charged full legal interest from the date when the same are payable by law, provided, that this regulation shall not limit or restrain the power of the assessors.

Sect. 6. On the first secular day of each month, the collector shall pay over to the treasurer of the town, all taxes by him collected, and

shall, on or before the first day of March in each year, make up his annual account, and render the same to the selectmen.

Sect. 7. The town treasurer shall, on the first secular day of March, annually, render to the selectmen, in writing, a full account of all the receipts and expenditures of the town for the financial year last past, and said account shall be by them printed, and a copy thereof left at every dwelling in the town, previous to the annual town meeting.

Sect. 8. The town treasurer, also the collector, shall give to the selectmen satisfactory bonds for the honest and faithful performance upon said duties.

ARTICLE IV.

Police Regulations.

Sect. 1. No disorderly children shall misspend their time in the streets or fields during school hours.

Sect. 2. No persons shall, by day or night, congregate noisily in or about the streets, or disturb the public quiet by unauthorized ringing of the church or other bell.

Sect. 3. No person or persons shall, at any time, deface, pull down, or injure any fence, building, sign, or other structure in this town, not under his own rightful control.

Sect. 4. No person or persons shall, at any time, trespass on any property, real or personal, or wrongfully remove therefrom, or injure thereon, any tree, plant, shrub, fruit, or vegetable.

Sect. 5. No person shall use profane or obscene language in public, or in the hearing of others; or shall indecently expose his person by bathing, or in any other way, in sight of the public road or private dwelling.

Sect. 6. No person shall ride or drive any animal or vehicle with dangerous speed along any public way, or shall permit any dangerous animal to go at large.

Sect. 7. No person shall discharge firearms, fire-crackers, squibs, rockets, or other fireworks, in or near any street; or make any needless and alarming noise or tumult.

Sect. 8. No person shall obstruct or make any nuisance in the highway, or on the sidewalk.

Sect. 9. No person shall move, or cause to

be moved, any building through or across any street, without permission in writing from one of the selectmen.

Sect. 10. No person shall erect, or cause to be erected, any fence or building adjoining any street, or public ground, or set any posts, without having first ascertained the bounds of the same by application to the selectmen for that purpose.

Sect. 11. No person shall break, dig up, or carry away any of the sward, gravel, sand, turf, or earth, in or from any of the public streets, or common lands, unless by order or license of the selectmen. Any person who shall offend against any of the provisions of these By-laws, shall forfeit and pay for each and every offence, a sum not less than one dollar, or more than twenty.

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Swampscott, holden on the twenty-sixth day of June, A. D. 1852, *by adjournment from the twelfth day of June,* 1852 *;*

VOTED. That the By-laws now read as presented by a committee chosen at a previous meeting, be approved and accepted ; and that the foregoing By-laws be presented to the Court of

Common Pleas, for this county, at the ensuing term, that the same may be approved and pass into laws.

True Copy of Record,

Attest,

JOHN L. SEGER, *Town Clerk.*

ESSEX SS. C. C. Pleas, January 1, 1853.

I have examined the within By-laws, and they are approved and allowed, by

J. C. PERKINS, *J. C. C. Pleas.*

A True Copy,

Attest,

A. HUNTINGTON, *Clerk.*

LIST OF OFFICERS

FOR THE

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT,

1852-3.

SELECTMEN.

Samuel C. Pitman, Eben B. Phillips,
Henry J. Thing.

TOWN CLERK.

John L. Seger.

TREASURER.

John Chapman, Jr.

ASSESSORS.

J. F. Phillips, Thomas Stone, Jr.,
Allen Washburn.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

J. B. Clark, Henry H. Hall,
Edward Woodford.

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

William D. Rowe, Mark G. Phillips,
J. B. Richardson.

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

Allen Washburn, Jonathan F. Phillips.

CONSTABLES.

Nathanial Galucia, B. H. Davis,
Charles Leavitt.

TYTHINGMEN.

William Widger, J. P. Blaney,
John Wilkins.

MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK.

Philander Holden.

SURVEYOR OF LUMBER.

Moses Gilbert.

FIELD DRIVERS.

A. C. Newell, S. R. Bartlett,
James Nisbett, William Galucia.

POUND KEEPER.

Jacob Wilford.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

James Nisbett, J. B. Holder,
A. C. Newell.

FENCE VIEWERS.

Allen Washburn, Ebenezer Weeks,
Fitzwilliam Griffin.

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

J. B. Richardson.

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